

Measles Media Briefing – Participant Biographies

Biography

Thomas Frieden, M.D., M.P.H.

Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)



Tom Frieden, MD, MPH, is director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), our nation's health protection agency. Since 2009, Dr. Frieden has intensified CDC's 24/7 work to protect people from health threats – preventing foodborne and healthcare-associated infections, helping Americans quit smoking, combating anti-microbial resistance, and extending life-saving treatment and disease prevention in more than 50 countries. As New York City Health Commissioner from 2002-2009, Dr. Frieden helped reduce smoking, eliminate artificial trans fats from restaurants, eliminate colon cancer screening disparities, and initiate the country's largest community-based electronic health records project. From 1992-1996, he led New York City's tuberculosis control program that reduced multidrug-resistant cases by 80 percent. Dr. Frieden then worked in India helping build a tuberculosis control program that has saved three million lives. Dr. Frieden received medical and public health degrees from Columbia University and infectious diseases training at Yale University. He started his CDC career as an Epidemic Intelligence Service officer and has written more than 200 scientific publications. Learn more at www.cdc.gov/about/cdcdirector/ and follow Dr. Frieden on Twitter (@DrFriedenCDC).

Biography

Peter Strebel, M.B.Ch.B., M.P.H

Accelerated Disease Coordinator, Immunizations, Vaccines and Biologicals Department, WHO



Dr. Strebel is a medical graduate from the University of Cape Town, South Africa. His post-graduate training is in epidemiology and public health and he is board-certified in Preventive Medicine in the USA. He worked for over 15 years in the US National Immunization Programme and has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles covering a range of immunization-related topics. Currently he is a medical officer at the World Health Organization, in Geneva, responsible for accelerated control of vaccine preventable diseases with a particular focus on measles and rubella elimination.

Biography

Alan Hinman, M.D., M.P.H. Director for Programs at the Center for Vaccine Equity Task Force for Global Health



Dr. Hinman is Director for Programs at the Center for Vaccine Equity, a program of the Task Force for Global Health, a not-for-profit organization affiliated with Emory University. He received his B.A. from Cornell University, M.D. from Western Reserve University, and M.P.H. from Harvard University. Since 1965 he has been involved in public health programs at state, national, and international levels, primarily working with CDC. At CDC he served as Director of the Immunization Division (1977-1988) and the National Center for Prevention Services (1988-2005). In addition, he has worked for the State Health Departments of New York and Tennessee. He retired from the U.S. Public Health Service in July 1996, having attained the rank of Assistant Surgeon General. He is an Adjunct Professor of Global Health and Epidemiology at the Rollins School of Public Health of Emory University, where he teaches courses in “Immunization Programs and Policies” and “Health and Human Rights.”

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Samuel L. Katz, M.D. Wilburt Cornell Davison Professor Chairman emeritus of Pediatrics at Duke University



Dr. Samuel Katz is the Wilburt Cornell Davison Professor and Chair Emeritus of Pediatrics at Duke University Medical School, Co-Chair of the National Network for Immunization Information, and one of the pioneers in the prevention of infectious disease. In collaboration with Nobel Prize winner Dr. John Enders, Dr. Katz created the measles vaccine, which has saved tens of millions of lives around the world. Dr. Katz also brings his broad knowledge of vaccinology and virology, as well as personal experience with smallpox in Nigeria, to discussions on smallpox, smallpox vaccine, and bioterrorism. Dr. Katz has served as Chairman of Pediatrics at Duke University for 22 years. He is one of the editors of the textbook, *Infectious Diseases of Children*, which is now in its eleventh edition and is used around the world as a standard text on the subject. Dr. Katz was a member and chair of the USPHS Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices {ACIP} for 11 years. He co-chaired the India-US Vaccine Action Program and currently is Chair of the Board of Trustees of the International Vaccine Institute in Seoul Korea. He is a magna cum laude graduate of Dartmouth College and a cum laude graduate of Harvard Medical School.